Toys That Listen

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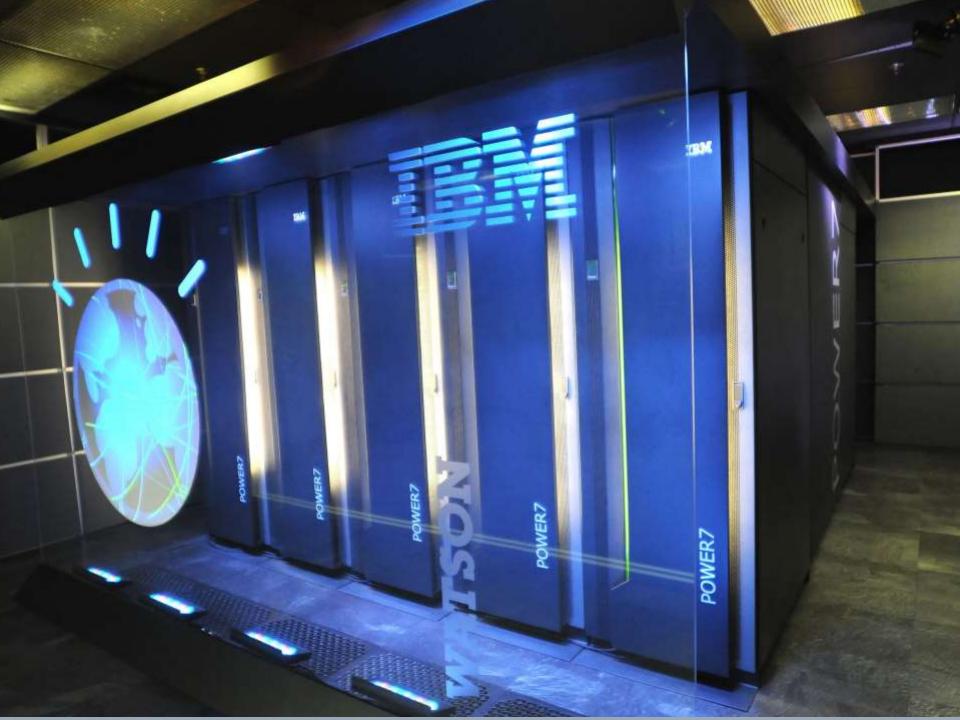


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Talking Toys Are Getting Smarter: Should We Be Worried?

Internet-connected talking dolls like Hello Barbie that can actually converse are bewitching kids but unsettling parents. Are they really the menace critics have made them out to be?







Hello

Microphone, speaker and tri-color LED lights embedded in necklace.

Turn the doll on with the power button on her belt.

Press and hold down belt buckle to activate speech recognition.

Note: Speech Recognition is Not 'On' Unless Pushed.





ONE TIME APP DOWNLOAD AND WIFI CONNECTION REQUIRED FOR 2-WAY CONVERSATION

Disclaimer: Compatible smart device required.



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